

REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-11, 25, 27-36 and 40 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-11, 25, 27-36 and 40 have been rejected.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-11, 25, 27-36 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by Arent (U.S. Patent No. 6,018,724). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of the remarks that follow.

As is well established, in order to successfully assert a prima facie case of anticipation, the Examiner must provide a single prior art document that includes every element and limitation of the claim or claims being rejected.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection because Arent does not disclose all elements of claim 1.

The Arent reference teaches:

"...[A] method and apparatus for authenticating data related to on-line transactions... When a user initiates an electronic transaction, a background validation process is initiated that implements procedures for determining the authenticity of data related to the transaction, such as the identity of a transaction party. If the validation process determines that the data is authentic, the validation process displays a certification indicator comprising the graphic overlaid with the user defined text-string. In another embodiment, the certification indicator includes one or more multi-media components, such as, for example, an audio component." (The Arent reference, emphasis added).

In particular, Arent is silent at least as to "providing a policy being responsive to input credentials for verifying at least two declarations in respect of a site".

Arent does not teach or suggest providing a policy. Arent teaches the use of a Java Wallet as a way to authenticate data related to on-line transactions. For example, Arent teaches setting a Java Wallet (see col. 19,

line 20 - Col. 20, line 4). Arent specifically teaches how to configure the Java Wallet such that the user will "[g]et a secure Wells Fargo online Java Wallet containing [her] VISA™ card or Mastercard™ now" (Arent, Col. 19, lines 33-34, emphasis added). Furthermore, in the example provided, Arent teaches that the Seal of Trust that ensures the user that the Disney site is authentic and trusted is prompted with the user's alphanumeric Code of Trust (see Col. 19, lines 52-58), a code that is entered by the user during the configuration of the wallet (see Col. 19, lines 42-45). None of these examples teach or suggest "providing a policy being responsive to input credentials for verifying at least two declarations in respect of a site".

Arent is also silent as to "authenticating the site and testing said at least one credential against the policy in order to verify said at least two credentials...".

Arent does not teach authenticating the site, rather he explicitly states that the Java wallet "...includes instructions for performing authentication tests on web site proprietors and on other on-line transaction parties, and for authenticating data related to on-line transactions. These instructions have the ability to determine whether or not a transaction party is authentic... as well as whether or not

other information displayed to the user by the Wallet is authentic" (Col. 5, line 63-Col. 6, line 6, emphasis added).

Also, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's statement in the Response to Arguments in page 8 of the Office Action that "Arent discusses at least two symbols and at least two declarations that can be displayed on a site..." (emphasis added). Arent is limited to the field of authenticating data related to on-line transactions. Those versed in the art will appreciate that Arent does not teach or suggest, for example, showing a Seal of Trust and showing a second declaration, such as that the Disney site is violence free. It is respectfully asserted that the foregoing example is given for clarification purposes only and it does not change the literal scope of the claim in any way or result in any prosecution history estoppel. Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that the Examiner's statement that "Arent discusses at least two symbols and at least two declarations that can be displayed on a site such as the Disney site is authentic and trusted and displays a VISA logo representing the types of payment option accepted (trusted) for the Disney site" (page 8 in Examiner's statement in the Response to Arguments of the Office Action) is not readable on the specification of Arent.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that: a) Arent fails to teach or disclose, inter alia, "providing a policy being responsive to input credentials for verifying at least two declarations in respect of a site" ... and "authenticating the site and testing said at least one credential against the policy in order to verify said at least two credentials..." as recited in claim 1; and b) Arent is limited to the field of authenticating data related to on-line transactions. Arent therefore fails to disclose all elements of claim 1 and cannot anticipate claim 1. The Office Action has therefore failed to establish a prima facie showing of anticipation and Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn and assert that claim 1 is allowable. Claims 2-11 depend from, directly or indirectly, claim 1, and therefore include all the limitations of this claim. Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 2-11 are likewise allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections to claims 2-11.

With regards to claim 25, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by Arent, because Arent does not disclose all elements of claim 25. In particular, Arent is silent at least as to "...a policy being responsive to input credentials for

verifying at least two declarations in respect of a site"... and "the proxy node authenticating the site and testing said at least one credential against the policy in order to verify said at least two credentials..." as discussed in details above. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that this rejection should be withdrawn. Claims 27-36 and 40 depend from, directly or indirectly, claim 25, and therefore include all the limitations of this claim. Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert the rejection to claims 27-36 and 40 should be likewise withdrawn and that claims 25, 27-36 and 40 are allowable.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-11, 25, 27-36 and 40.

In view of the foregoing remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

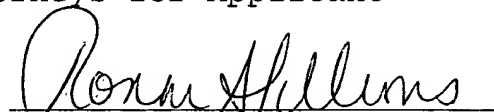
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Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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